



**Cane River Waterway Commission
Minutes
June 18, 2019**

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Also present was administrator, Betty Fuller.

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Mrs. Fuller presented resolution 5 of 2019-amending 2018/2019 capital account budget. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented resolution 6 of 2019-2019/2020 general account budget. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented resolution 7 of 2019-2019/2020 capital account budget. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

Mrs. Fuller presented resolution 8 of 2019-2019-authorizing Mrs. Fuller to advertise and dispose of boats currently in the possession of the Commission. The Chairman read aloud the purpose for the resolution and opened the floor to public discussion. After discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion.

The Chairman at 6:12 pm adjourned the public hearing.

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Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 4 of 2019, and after discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission adopted Resolution 4 of 2019-Amending 2018/2019 general account budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 5 of 2019, and after discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission adopted Resolution 5 of 2019-Amending 2018/2019 capital account budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 6 of 2019, and after discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission adopted Resolution 6 of 2019-2019/2020 general account budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 7 of 2019, and after discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission adopted Resolution 7 of 2019- 2019/2020 capital account budget.

Mrs. Fuller presented Resolution 8 of 2019, and after discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr.

Methvin, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Resolution 8 of 2019-authorizing Mrs. Fuller to advertise and dispose of boats currently in the possession of the Commission.

Secretary of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Jack Montoucet, addressed the Commission regarding alligators in the lake. His agents presented a comprehensive alligator program and provided the Commission with available control options. After discussion, the Commission tabled pending legal review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Rhodes, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to coronate with LDWLF to create an alligator program for Cane River Lake, further authorizing public education on alligators.

Mrs. Fuller presented Ordinance 4 of 2019 that would prohibited the feeding of alligators in Cane River Lake, providing for penalties, providing for advertising, further providing for severability, and further providing for a repealer and effective date of ordinance. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Representatives of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries indicated that they support the Commission's ordinance, pending a legal review. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins the Commission introduced Ordinance 4 of 2019, further authorizing Mrs. Fuller to advertise and set a public hearing for July 16, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller requested permission to move 1.4 million general checking money into the capital investment account. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to move 1.4 million general checking money into the capital investment account.

Mrs. Fuller presented and read aloud the budget certification as pursuant to LA RS 1309. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to advertise the budget certification that completes the Commissions budget process.

Mrs. Fuller requested authority to submit Commission records to Johnson, Thomas And Cunningham for the annual audit. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, unanimous vote by Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, Mr. Wiggins, and Mrs. Vienne the Commission authorizes the submittal of the Commissions records to Johnson, Thomas, and Cunningham to conduct the annual audit on the Commission 2018/2019 fiscal year records.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual credit card agreement for the Commission employee, and the annual security code agreement for the Member/Employee. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized the annual credit card agreement for the Commission employee, and the annual security code agreement for the Member/Employee.

Mrs. Fuller presented the annual records retention disposal schedule, and the annual public records officer form(s) for Commission review. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission authorized the annual records retention disposal schedule, and the annual public records officer form(s) for submittal.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission it was time to elect Commission Chairman. The Vice-Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Vice-Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission elected Jim Rhodes to serve as Chairman of the Commission for fiscal year 2019/2020.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission it was time to elect Commission Vice-Chairman. The Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Paige, Mr. Rhodes, and Mr. Methvin, the Commission elected Margaret Vienne to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission for fiscal year 2019/2020.

The minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting of the commission were presented. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mrs. Vienne, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the minutes of the May 21, 2019 meeting, as written.

Chairman Rhodes updated the Commission on the Pumping Project. Randy Denmon submitted two letters related to the project. After discussion the Commission tabled both subject matters pending further review.

The Commission tabled dredging the north end of the lake, old Condemned Bridge at Shell Beach, and enforcement projects pending further review.

Mrs. Fuller provided the treasurer's report for the month of March. She presented invoices from Corkern, Crews, Guillet in the amount of \$1,760.00, Cunningham Ins. \$5,733.26, Galaxy Graphics \$21.69, Bennett heating and air-conditioning \$242.00. She also presented the budget to actual comparison for the month of May for Commission review. After discussion, the Chairman opened the

floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Wiggins, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission approved the financial report and payment of bills.

Mrs. Fuller advised the Commission that the Directors & Officers insurance policy was up for renewal. Most of the Commissions insurance policies are limited by nature, however it is recommended that periodically the Commission issue an RFI. After discussion, the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon Motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mrs. Vienne, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Rhodes, Mrs. Vienne, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized the RFI list, and Mrs. Fuller to issue an RFI on the Directors & Officers insurance policy, and further authorized the Chairman to sign required documents.

Mrs. Fuller presented gas, mileage, and activity logs for the period from May 21 - June 17, 2019 for the review of the Commission. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Paige, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission approved the logs for the period from May 21 - June 17, 2019.

Mrs. Fuller presented the Commissions capital inventory for Commission review. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Rhodes the Commission authorized the removal and disposal of the meeting room couch, sliding doors, and all the existing launch signs not currently in use.

Mrs. Fuller presented meeting room furnishing designs for Commission review. After discussion the Chairman opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Methvin, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Paige, and Mr. Wiggins, the Commission authorized Mrs. Fuller to purchase meeting room furnishings not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Mrs. Fuller presented the administrator's report. The current lake level is 98.1 MSL. She worked two complaints, held two events, issued three building permits, one pump permit, opened the lake on May 23, is treating the lake chemically for overgrowth of vegetation and has opened the canal on the north end of the lake-still monitoring for giant salvinia, maintained the office/public landings, maintained the state/commission web site, service agreements, and prepared all documentation, reports, and request that are required for the commissions review, authorization and knowledge. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries submitted no report but is working on a boat littering complaint. Sheriff's Office issued no citations and made no arrests. After discussion, the Chairman

opened the floor to public comments, and after discussion the Chairman closed the floor to discussion. Upon motion by Mr. Wiggins, seconded by Mr. Paige, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Methvin, Mr. Wiggins, and Mr. Rhodes, the Commission authorized the administrator monthly report, and the May 21 - June 17, 2019 expenditure report contained therein.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon motion by Mr. Paige, seconded by Mr. Methvin, and unanimous vote by Mr. Paige, Mrs. Vienne, Mr. Wiggins, Mr. Methvin, and Mr. Rhodes the meeting was adjourned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Betty Fuller Date Approved: July 16, 2019